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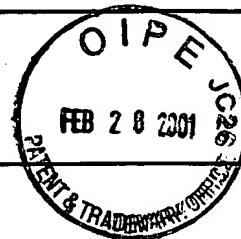
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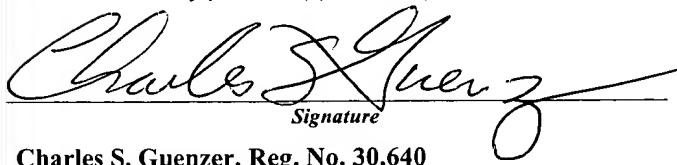
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Page 13, line 26, delete ":" (second occurrence).

**In the claims (all claims are listed):**

1. (Amended) A method of coating boron carbide on an aluminum-based [member] substrate, comprising the steps of:

roughening a surface of a substrate [comprising aluminum] to a [roughness] value of surface finish  $R_a$  of at least  $2.5\mu m$ , wherein said substrate is composed of an aluminum-based

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